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Abstract:

The section of Coal Creek that traverses through Cedar City, Utah has channel stability and capacity deficiencies that pose a threat to existing infrastructure and development due to flooding. The NRCS proposes to modify the Coal Creek channel to safely convey floodwaters from a 100-year flood event and localized flooding associated with high creek discharge rates. In conjunction with the proposed channel improvements, two irrigation diversion structures on Coal Creek (the Main Street Diversion and the Woodbury Diversion) will have to be replaced to eliminate significant channel and capacity restrictions. It is also proposed to construct sedimentation facilities to remove gravel from water diverted from the Main Street Diversion. Also as part of this project, Cedar City proposes to improve and expand an existing parkway along Coal Creek to enhance aesthetic values and provide recreational opportunities for community residents and visitors.

This Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was prepared in accordance with NRCS National Environmental Policy Act implementation procedures, as well as the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, Public Law 91-190, 42 U.S.C. 4321-4347, 1 January 1970, as amended.

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